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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Receives Regional Award *74,409 Volunteer Hours*

Brecksville, Ohio - Cuyahoga Valley National Park recently received the National Park Service (NPS) Midwest Region Hartzog Award for Exceptional Volunteer Program for 2007. The award is named for George B. Hartzog, seventh Director of the National Park Service who is credited with formalizing the Volunteer-In-Parks program in 1970.

Competing with 56 other NPS units, Cuyahoga Valley National Park's volunteer program had over 2,000 volunteers in 2007 that gave over 74,000 hours to the park. The park received the award for the diversity of volunteer positions and the commitment of volunteer themselves.

Some of the volunteer positions in 2007 included the park's Trailblazer volunteers, visitor center assistants, boundary survey volunteers, invasive species workers, program assistants, interpretive volunteers, trail workers, and many more.

"We are pleased to receive this regional award for one of our greatest assets in the park. We could not accomplish our mission without the enthusiastic efforts of the many volunteers," said Park Volunteer Manager Travis White.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park welcomes anyone interested in volunteering at the park to go to the park's website, www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm or call (440) 546-5996.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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